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For: SUBSCRIPTION-BASED BILLING  
METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR SHARED  
NETWORK MODEM POOLS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.